

## House Resolution No. 577

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives realize that the rank of Eagle Scout is a performance-based achievement, the proud standards of which have been well maintained for many years; and

**Whereas**, Joel Francis Hespen of Defiance, Missouri, received the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony; and

**Whereas**, Joel, a member of Boy Scout Troop 856, successfully fulfilled the requirements to receive Scouting's highest rank by completing his Eagle project which involved building and installing eight bat and helmet racks for the New Melle Community Club Athletic Association; and

**Whereas**, during his nine years in Scouting, Joel mastered several challenging and diverse skills to earn twenty-two merit badges, four Mile Swim awards, and membership in the Order of the Arrow; and

**Whereas**, Joel demonstrated his capability and willingness to exert leadership by fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Troop Instructor, and Den Chief; and

**Whereas**, the son of Jerry and Janet Hespen, Joel developed immense personal growth and fitness by participating in the many assorted activities the Boy Scouts offers, some of which include completing Junior Leader Training, camping more than seventy nights, and going on High Adventure trips to the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base and Philmont; and

**Whereas**, attainment of the Eagle rank by Joel will be recognized at all levels of our society as being a great achievement that required considerable dedication and effort:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joel Hespen for the steadfast determination he displayed in his pursuit to attain the rank of Eagle and in wishing him continued success in all future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Eagle Scout Joel Francis Hespen.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kevin Threlkeld  
District No. 109

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 577, adopted March 4, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker